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DEMOCRAT "ROADBLOCK" INDEX

Getting Their Votes and Still Obstructing the Senate's Business

So far during the 106th Congress, *well over half* of all the votes cast on amendments are Democrat initiatives — that is 231 out of 403 roll call votes. Many of these votes are repetitive votes on their favorite agenda items. And they say they don't have a voice? Further, Senate Democrats have been and continue to block action on issues important to the American people that are the priorities of this Republican Senate, including education reform, meaningful tax relief, and protecting Social Security and Medicare. Republicans are pushing for effective reforms; Democrats are throwing up roadblocks. Republicans are looking to the future; Democrats are clinging to the past.

Total Roll Call Votes/106th Congress (through 9/11/00)	611
Roll Call Votes on amendments	403
Votes on <u>Democrat-sponsored</u> amendments	231
Votes on <u>Republican-sponsored</u> amendments	172
Votes on Democrat agenda items	
Votes to <u>raise taxes or reduce tax relief</u>	55
Votes to <u>increase federal education spending</u>	35
Federal funds to hire new teachers	9
Federal funds for school construction	5
Federal funds for after-school programs	6
Votes to <u>further regulate gun owners</u>	13
Votes for <u>a job-killing minimum wage package</u>	5
Votes to <u>limit free speech rights in political campaigns</u>	4
Votes for <u>"KennedyCare" healthcare mandates/lawsuits</u>	8
Votes on <u>a government-run prescription drug program</u>	7
Democrat efforts to <u>block meaningful education reform</u>	
-- Block <u>flexibility for local schools</u>	4
-- Eliminate <u>Education Savings Accounts</u>	6
-- Block <u>elementary/secondary education modernization bill</u>	ongoing

Democrat efforts to <u>block meaningful tax relief</u>	
-- Elimination of the <u>Clinton/Gore gas tax</u>	2
-- Elimination of the <u>marriage penalty tax</u>	12
-- Elimination of the <u>death tax</u>	12
 Democrat efforts to <u>block/weaken Social Security & Medicare lock-boxes</u>	 7
 Cloture/procedural votes forced by Democrat <u>delaying tactics</u>	 56
-- Democrat efforts to <u>prevent consideration of bipartisan appropriations bills</u>	2

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